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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR IDAHO



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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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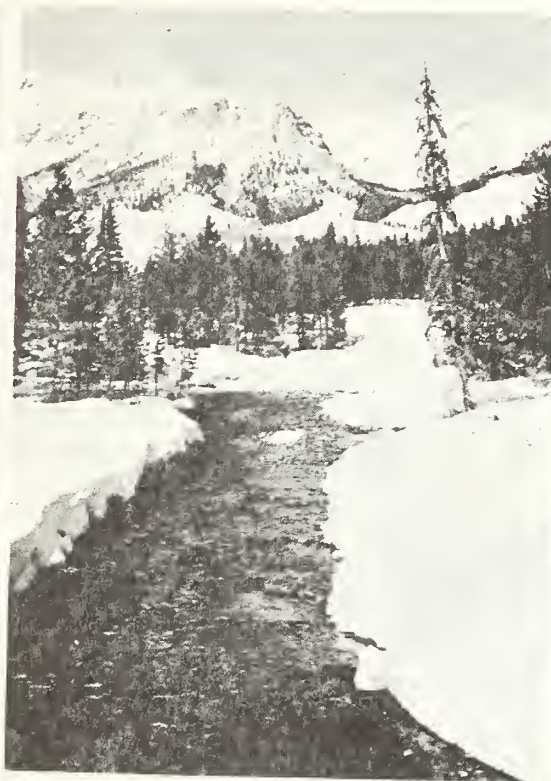
You may have less Irrigation water this year than ever before.

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS MADE ON MARCH 1, 1977 CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT MANY AREAS WILL HAVE SEVERE TO CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGES. STUDY THE ATTACHED WATER SUPPLY FORECAST CAREFULLY FOR STREAM FLOW AND/OR RESERVOIR STORAGE FIGURES THAT CONCERN YOUR AREA. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR IRRIGATION DISTRICT OR OTHER OFFICIALS FOR ESTIMATES OF THE SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR YOU. YOU MAY FIND YOU'LL NEED TO CHANGE CROPS, PLANTED ACREAGE, TIMING OF WATER APPLICATION OR EFFICIENCY OF YOUR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THESE ARE SOME OF THE EARLY DECISIONS AND PLANS YOU MAY HAVE TO MAKE:

1. Change to crops which require less water.
2. Reduce the crop acreage. Naturally, this will affect the fertilizer you order and the amount of seed you buy. Be sure unplanted land has cover crops to prevent wind erosion.
3. Check out your irrigation systems carefully. Make certain that ditches have no water-wasting weeds or debris to slow delivery; that sprinkler heads don't have leaks, pipes have tight connections and pumps work properly. If new parts or equipment are needed, purchase them soon.
4. Plant only the best land - it makes most efficient use of water. If your soil has been mapped, local Soil Conservation Service personnel can guide you. If not mapped, they can still give you general information.
5. Maintain close contact with the Soil Conservation Service or your local Conservation District for the latest water supply forecasts, and for soil information. SCS has just published water conservation TIPS pamphlets for irrigators, farmers and ranchers. Get copies.
6. Maintain close contact with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county office. Funds for cost sharing on special water stretching practices may be made available because of the drought situation. ASCS also administers the Federal Disaster Assistance program.
7. Do the same with your closest Farmers Home Administration office. Special loans may become available.
8. Do the same with the local Cooperative Extension Service office for current information on crops, feed supply and marketing.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK for IDAHO



GENERAL SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1, 1977

A critically low water supply is the outlook for Idaho during 1977. Record low seasonal flows are projected for rivers and streams throughout the state. Streamflow forecasts vary from a low of 10% of average for the Bear River drainage to 60% of normal for the Henry's Fork of the Snake River at Ashton. Many small streams, for which numerical forecasts are not made, can be expected to produce well below average flow and some may even dry up before the end of the season.

Snowpack accumulation during February was negligible with little or no change from the extremely deficient situation existing on February 1. Normally 85 to 90% of the snowpack has accumulated on the major watersheds by March 1 and maximum snowpack is present on many smaller and lower elevation streams. Water equivalent of the snowpack as of March 1 varies from 5% of average on the Palouse River watershed to 45% of normal on the Bruneau River drainage.

Valley precipitation during February continued below normal throughout Idaho and accumulated water-year precipitation reached about 32% of average by March 7. Temperatures averaged generally near normal during the month.

Soils are extremely dry and can be expected to absorb a significant amount of water when the snow melts. The shallow snowpack in many areas will be absorbed by the soil with little or no surface runoff resulting from snowmelt.

Streamflow throughout the state has decreased significantly during the winter months and all streams were below, to well below normal flows as of March 1.

In general, stored water in irrigation reservoirs was near average as of March 1. However, due to possible early drafting for irrigation and low runoff forecasts, some reservoirs are not expected to fill in 1977.

It is apparent water supplies for irrigation will be reduced and possibly curtailed entirely in late season even where reservoir facilities are adequate. Water users irrigating by direct stream diversion where reservoirs are not present can expect critical shortage with little or no late season water.

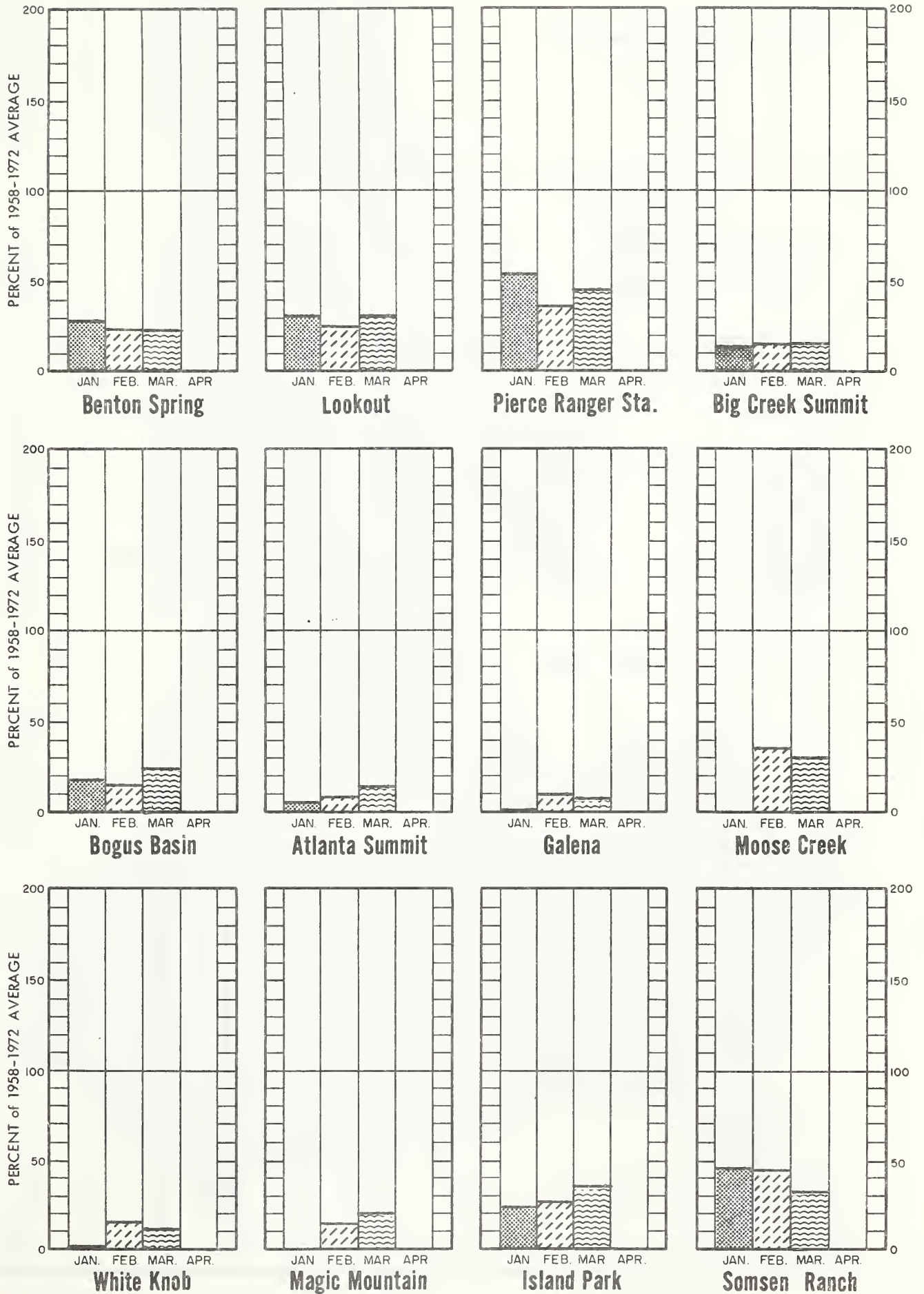
Efficient management and conservation of water should be exercised by farmers, ranchers and other water users in 1977.

SNOW WATER DEPTHS ACCUMULATION

For Selected Snow Courses

As Compared To 1958-1972 15 Yr. Average

MARCH 1, 1977



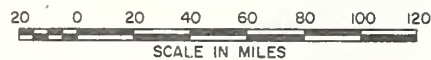
COMPARISON of SNOW COVER

RIVER BASIN WATERSHED	NO. OF COURSES AVERAGED	THIS YEARS SNOW WATER EXPRESSED AS PERCENT OF :	
		LAST YEAR	1958-72 AVERAGE
<u>UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN</u>			
Kootenai River	40	36	37
Pend Oreille River	72	36	39
Clark Fork River	34	33	40
Flathead River	21	46	43
Priest River	4	33	28
Spokane River	12-13	32	32
<u>LOWER SNAKE RIVER BASIN</u>			
Palouse River	5	4	5
Clearwater River	17-20	30	32
Salmon River	22	16	18
Lemhi River	6	13	16
<u>MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - Northside</u>			
Little Lost River	5	11	9
Big Lost River	7-9	16	10
Fish Creek	2	22	21
Little Wood River	4	17	12
Big Wood River	10	14	12
Canyon Creek	1	--	28
Boise River	14-15	15	16
Payette River	12	17	19
Weiser River	2-6	22	18
Mann Creek	4	25	--
<u>MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - Southside</u>			
Raft River	7-8	23	22
Goose-Trapper Creeks	3	21	22
Salmon Falls Creek	10	33	34
Bruneau River	5	41	45
Owyhee River	5	23	22
Jordan Creek	2	25	24
<u>UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASIN</u>			
Snake Basin - Wyoming	31	25	31
Camas-Beaver Creeks	2	28	24
Henrys Fork River	10-11	26	30
Teton River	2-11	24	25
Willow Creek	5-9	18	21
Blackfoot River	3-4	25	27
Portneuf River	4	25	30
<u>GREAT BASIN</u>			
Bear River	23	--	25
Montpelier Creek	4	22	23
Mink Creek	7	24	24
Cub River	2-4	27	33
Malad River	4-6	14	16

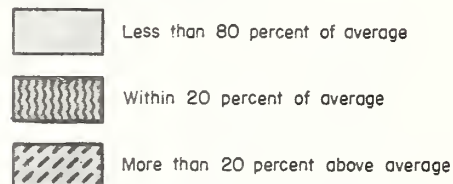
SNOW WATER DEPTHS

As percent of 1958-72 15 year average
MARCH 1, 1977

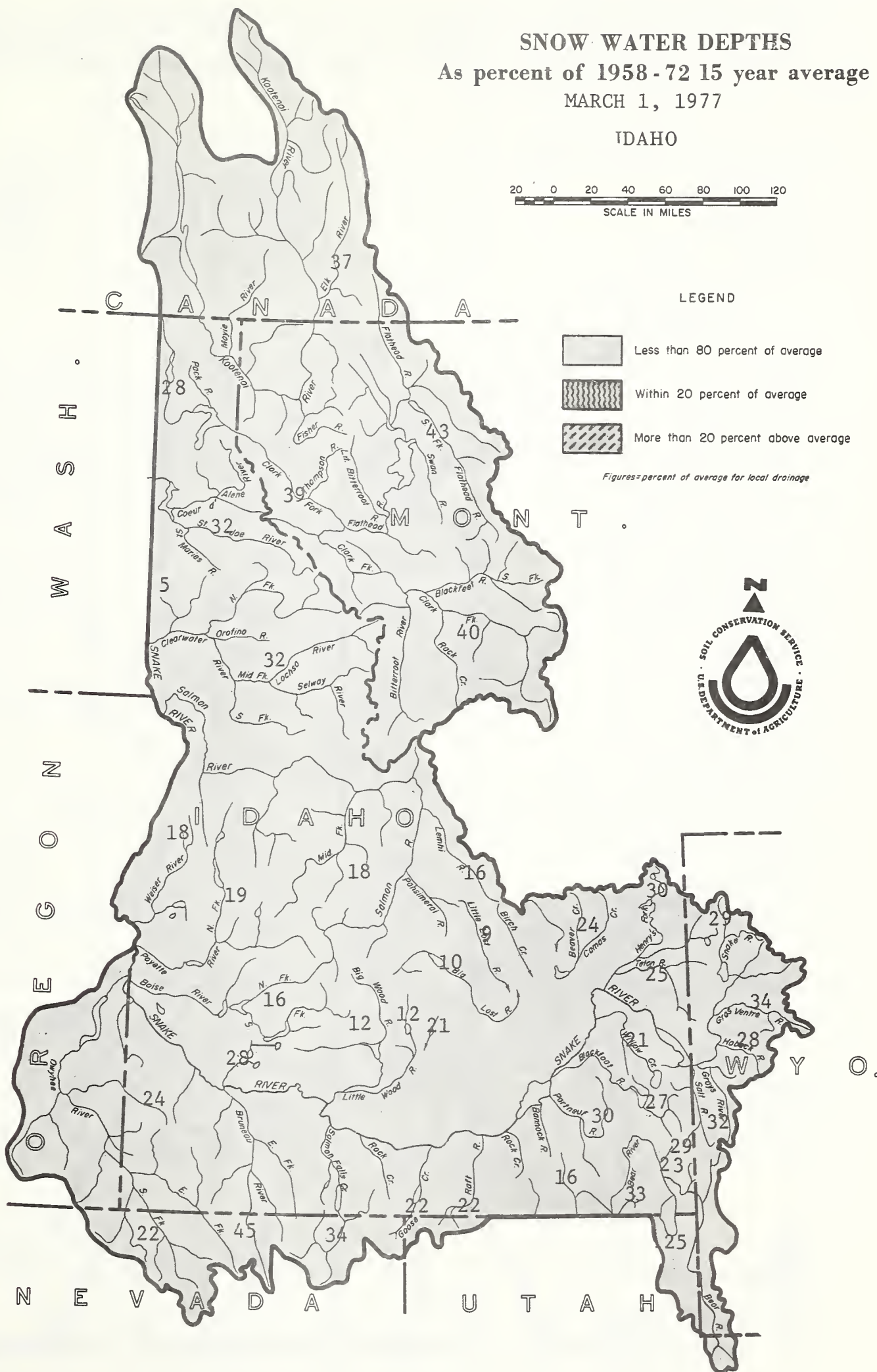
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Figures=percent of average for local drainage



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

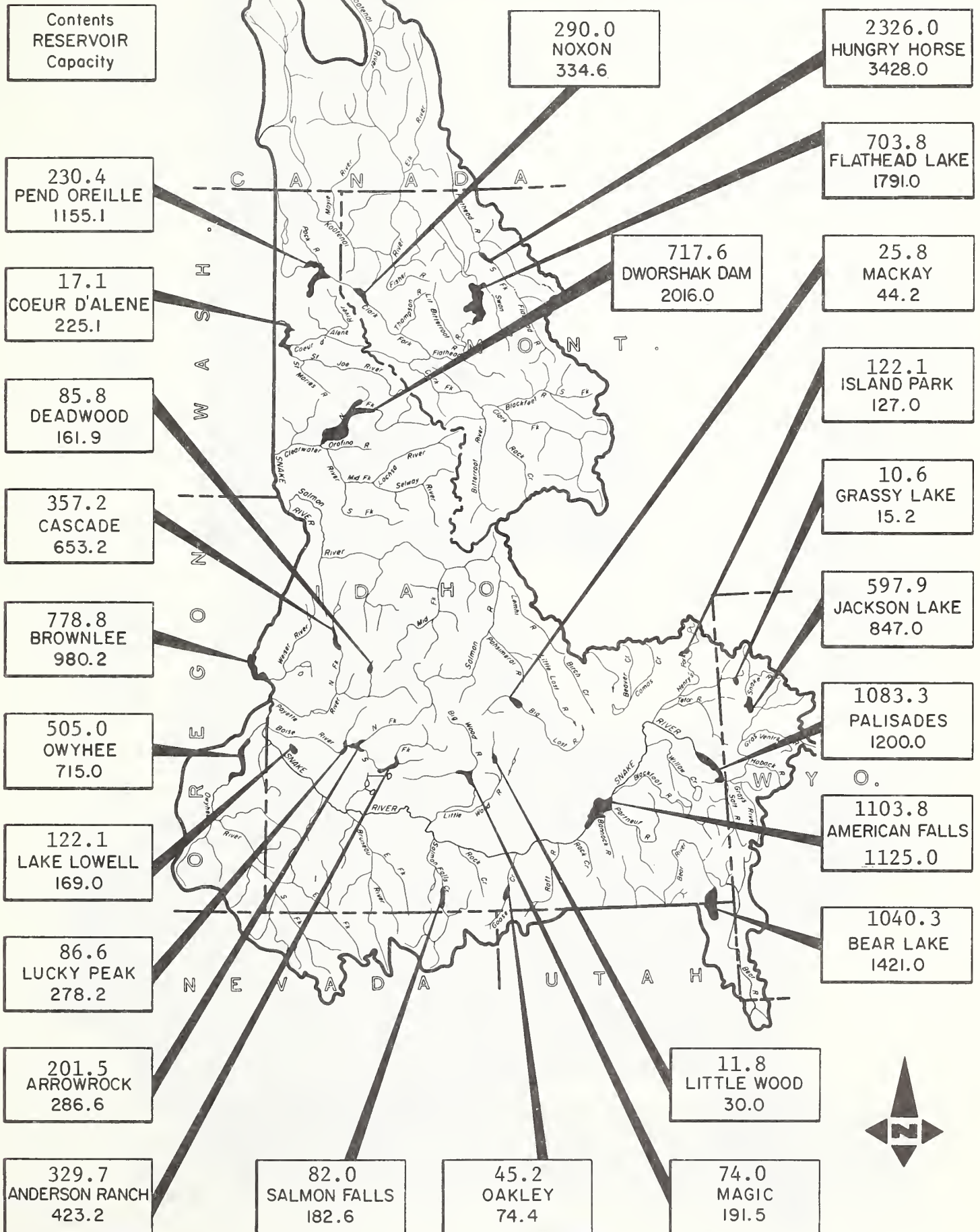
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1958-72 AVERAGE
UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN				
Clark Fork - Pend Oreille				
Hungry Horse	3428.0	2326.0	2570.0	2329.0
Flathead	1791.0	703.8	925.5	1009.0
Pend Oreille	1155.1	230.4	498.6	457.0
Noxon	334.6	290.0	261.8	300.6
Spokane				
Coeur d'Alene	225.1	17.1	130.0	162.3
SNAKE BASIN				
Snake				
Jackson Lake	847.0	597.9	633.2	533.3
Palisades	1200.0	1083.3	904.5	809.0
American Falls	1125.0	1103.8	963.9	789.1
Island Park	127.0	122.1	98.5	113.5
Grassy Lake	15.2	10.6	11.0	10.3
Brownlee	980.2	778.8	487.4	451.1*
Goose-Trapper Creeks				
Oakley	74.4	45.2	47.5	19.3
Salmon Falls Creek				
Salmon Falls	182.6	82.0	111.8	34.5
Big Lost				
Mackay	44.2	25.8	28.2	31.9
Big Wood				
Magic	191.5	74.0	135.0	103.5
Little Wood				
Little Wood	30.0	11.8	20.5	15.5
Fish Creek				
Carey Valley	14.4	5.5	7.0	--
Boise				
Anderson Ranch	423.2	329.7	258.3	237.6
Arrowrock	286.6	201.5	273.5	247.9
Lucky Peak	278.2	86.6	67.3	89.2
Lake Lowell (Deer Flat)	169.0	122.1	142.5	132.0
Owyhee				
Owyhee	715.0	505.0	671.4	451.2
Payette				
Cascade	653.2	357.2	393.0	325.9
Deadwood	161.9	85.8	97.0	78.8
Weiser				
Mann Creek	11.1	3.2	6.2	--
Clearwater				
Dworshak	2016.0	717.6	512.5	--
GREAT BASIN				
Bear				
Bear Lake	1421.0	1040.3	1049.4	958.3
*Period of Record.				

RESERVOIR STORAGE

USABLE CONTENTS (1,000 Acre Feet)

MARCH 1, 1977

50 0 50 100 150
SCALE IN MILES



STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT	THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
	FORECAST ^c		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
	Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average [†]

UPPER COLUMBIA BASINKOOTENAI RIVER

Leonia	(at)	4900	54	Apr-Sep	--	9073
		4200	53	Apr-Jul	--	7957
		3450	54	Apr-Jun	--	6431

PEND OREILLE RIVERClark Fork River

Whitehorese Rapids	(at)	6800	48	Apr-Sep	--	14083
		6160	48	Apr-Jul	--	12852
		5300	48	Apr-Jun	--	11092

Priest River <u>1/</u>	(nr)	400	46	Apr-Jul	--	879
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SPOKANE RIVER

Post Falls <u>2/</u>	(at)	915	31	Apr-Sep	--	3008
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St. Joe River

Calder	(at)	470	35	Apr-Sep	--	1345
		460	36	Apr-Jul	--	1277

SNAKE RIVER BASINSNAKE RIVER - MAIN STEM

Moran <u>3/</u>	(nr)	420	49	Apr-Sep	--	858
Palisades Inflow <u>3/</u>		1200	46	Apr-Sep	--	3714
Heise <u>4/</u>	(nr)	1750	44	Apr-Sep	--	3946
Blackfoot <u>5/</u>	(nr)	2000	48	Apr-Jul	--	4173
Weiser	(at)	3000	46	Apr-Sep	--	6524

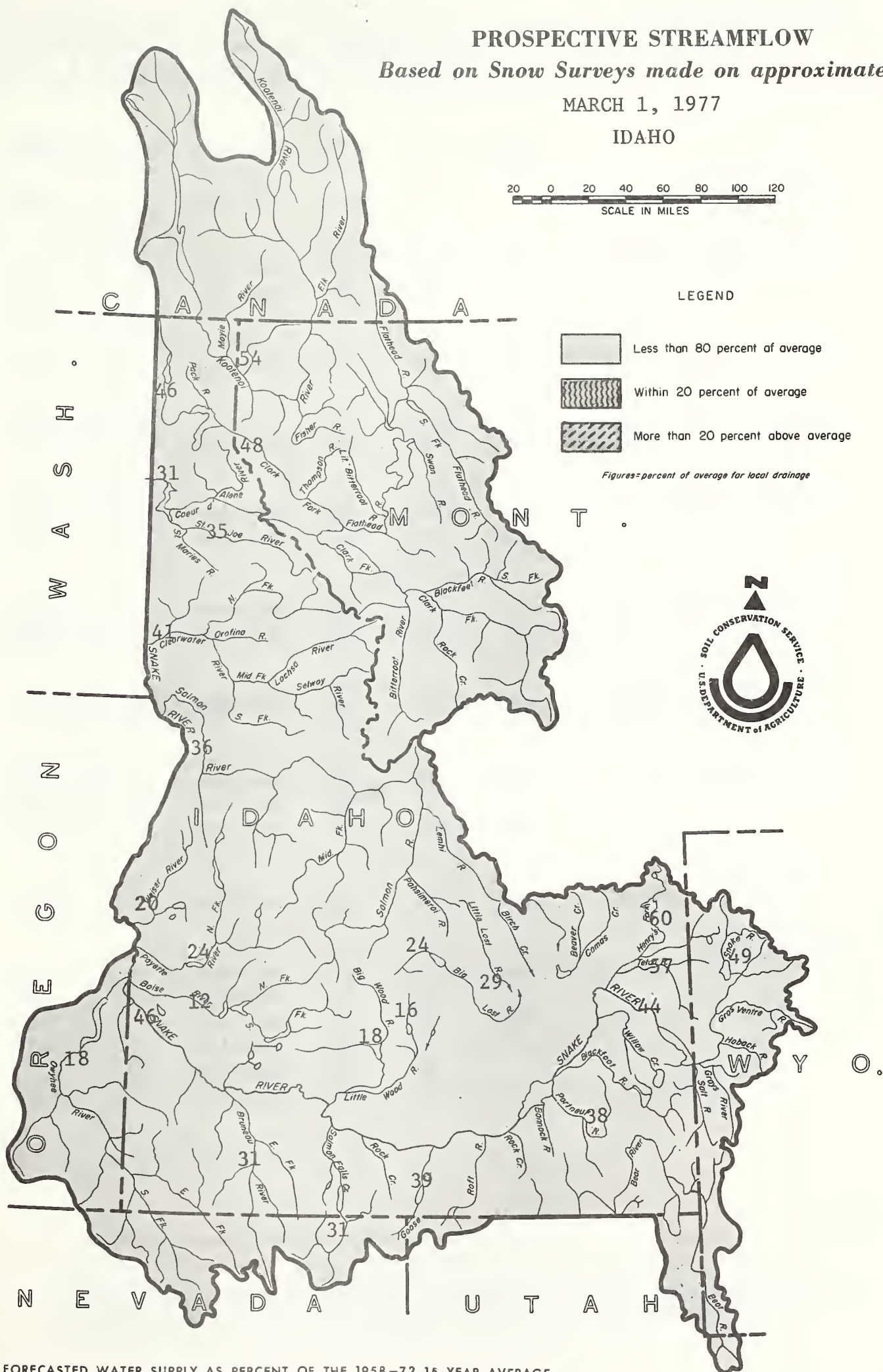
Henrys Fork

Ashton <u>6/</u>	(nr)	400	60	Apr-Sep	--	671
Rexburg <u>7/</u>	(nr)	750	55	Apr-Sep	--	1364

Teton River

St. Anthony	(nr)	250	57	Apr-Sep	--	442
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(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Priest Lake.
2/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake 3/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake.
4/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake and Palisades. 5/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake, Palisades, Island Park, Henry's Lake, Grassy Lake and diversions between Heise and Blackfoot. 6/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake and Island Park Reservoir. 7/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake, Island Park, Grassy Lake and diversions between Ashton and Rexburg.
[†] 1958-1972 period.



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BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		FORECAST ^c		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
		Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average ⁺
<u>Portneuf River</u>						
Topaz	(at)	35	38	Mar-Sep	--	93
<u>Oakley Reservoir Inflow</u>		11.5	39	Mar-Sep	--	29.5
<u>Salmon Falls Creek</u>						
San Jacinto	(nr)	26	31	Mar-Sep	--	84
		24	30	Mar-Jul	--	80
<u>Bruneau River</u>						
Hot Springs	(nr)	70	31	Mar-Sep	--	226
<u>Little Lost River</u>						
Howe	(nr)	12	29	Apr-Sep	--	41
<u>Big Lost River</u>						
Howell Ranch	(at)	50	24	Apr-Sep	--	208
Mackay <u>1/</u>	(nr)	40	22	Apr-Sep	--	183
<u>Big Wood River</u>						
Magic Reservoir		55	18	Apr-Sep	--	301
Inflow <u>2/</u>		60	19	Mar-Jul	--	310
<u>Little Wood River</u>						
High Five Creek	(ab)	15	16	Apr-Sep	--	94
<u>Boise River</u>						
Twin Springs	(nr)	90	12	Apr-Sep	--	720
		85	13	Apr-Jul	--	665
Boise <u>3/</u>	(nr)	195	12	Apr-Sep	--	1612
<u>South Fork</u>						
Anderson Dam <u>4/</u>	(at)	75	12	Apr-Sep	--	603
<u>Owyhee River</u>						
Gold Cr., Nev. <u>5/</u>	(nr)	3	17	Apr-Jul	--	18
		5	22	Mar-Jul	--	23
Owyhee, Nev. <u>5/</u>	(nr)	12	18	Apr-Jul	--	68
		16	20	Mar-Jul	--	81
Lake Owyhee		60	18	Apr-Sep	510	332
net inflow <u>6/</u>		102	20	Mar-Jul	631	431

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Mackay Reservoir
2/ Combined flow Big Wood River nr. Bellevue and Camas Creek nr. Blaine. 3/ Corrected for storage in Arrow-
rock, Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak. 4/ Corrected for storage in Anderson Ranch Reservoir. 5/ Corrected for
storage in Wild Horse Reservoir. 6/ From U.S.B.R. records of inflow.

+ 1958-1972 period.

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BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		FORECAST ^c		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET	
		Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average ⁺
<u>Payette River</u>						
Horseshoe Bend <u>1/</u>	(nr)	440	24	Apr-Sep	--	1850
<u>North Fork</u>						
Cascade <u>3/</u>	(at)	135	24	Apr-Sep	--	562
Banks <u>3/</u>	(nr)	175	24	Apr-Sep	--	730
<u>Weiser River</u>						
Weiser ab. Crane Creek <u>4/</u>		102	20	Mar-Sep	--	511
<u>Salmon River</u>						
Whitebird	(at)	2500	36	Apr-Sep	--	6959
<u>Clearwater River</u>						
Spalding	(at)	3500	41	Apr-Sep	--	8605

GREAT BASIN

<u>BEAR RIVER</u>						
Harer	(at)	30	10	Apr-Sep	--	297
<u>Montpelier Creek</u>						
Montpelier	(nr)	2	16	Apr-Sep	--	12.4
<u>Cub River</u>						
Preston	(nr)	10	20	Apr-Sep	--	50.0

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Corrected for storage in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs. 2/ Corrected for storage in Deadwood Reservoir. 3/ Corrected for storage in Cascade Reservoir. 4 Observed flow of Weiser River nr. Weiser minus observed flow of Crane Creek at mouth. + 1958-1972 period.

VALLEY PRECIPITATION 1/
 Division Averages and Departures
 In Inches

DRAINAGE DIVISIONS	Winter February 1977		Fall - Winter Nov. 76 - Feb. 77	
	Observed	Departure <u>2/</u>	Observed	Departure <u>2/</u>
Kootenai, Canada & U.S.	1.19	-0.76	4.71	-6.94
Flathead	0.71	-1.03	3.65	-5.55
Clark Fork	0.33	-0.94	2.50	-4.28
Pend Oreille-Spokane	0.95	-1.89	5.62	-9.40
Upper Snake	0.46	-1.39	2.66	-5.93
Snow River Plain	0.29	-0.49	0.79	-3.51
Salmon-Payette-Boise	0.58	-1.17	1.67	-8.39
Clearwater	1.21	-1.66	5.61	-9.31
Owyhee-Malheur	0.39	-0.46	1.30	-3.52

1/ Preliminary analysis and data by the National Weather Service and Meteorological Service of Canada.

2/ Departure from 15-year (1958-1972) drainage division average.

SNOW

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average ^b

UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASINPEND OREILLE - PRIEST RIVER

Benton Meadow	2370	2/24	6	1.6	4.6	6.1
Benton Spring	4900	2/24	16	4.1	11.2	17.4
#Mosquito Ridge (A)	5110	3/6	48	13.3	33.8	34.7*
Schweitzer Bowl	4500	2/25	29	8.2	20.8	27.8*
Schweitzer Ridge	6100	2/25	36	11.5	40.0	39.9*

HAYDEN LAKE

Chilco Ridge	3650	2/23	6	1.4	9.2	--
Conie Ridge	3900	2/23	8	1.6	10.4	--
Corner Creek	3150	2/23	13	3.2	9.4	--
Sage Creek Saddle	4100	2/23	24	5.2	18.0	--

SPOKANE RIVER

Above Burke	4100	2/24	36	8.8	22.6	--
Copper Ridge	4800	2/22	29	7.8	25.3	25.7
#Forty-nine Meadows	4880	3/5	33	6.6	24.8	28.4*
Fourth of July Summit	3200	2/23	10	2.7	11.4	7.3*
Granite Peak	6000	3/5	46	10.2	36.0	37.7*
Kellogg Peak (A)	5560	3/6	33	9.2	28.8	--
Lookout	5120	2/24	36	10.0	31.2	32.4
#Lost Lake	6000	3/5	60	15.1	49.0	51.3*
Lower Sands Creek	3400	2/22	23	6.2	17.8	17.5
Medicine Ridge	5920	3/5	54	11.8	39.8	38.5*
Mosquito Ridge (A)	5110	3/6	48	13.3	33.8	34.7*
Roland Summit (A)	5200	3/6	36	10.0	31.6	31.3*
Sherwin	3200	2/24	13	3.5	15.8	13.8*
Sherwin (SP)	3200	2/24	--	3.8	--	--
Sunset (A)	5600	3/6	62	16.4	32.7	33.7*

LOWER SNAKE RIVER BASINPALOUSE RIVER

Crumarine Creek	3340	2/25	0	0.0	11.9	7.8*
East Twin	4050	2/25	2	0.4	14.2	11.1
Howard Creek	3500	2/25	0	0.0	8.0	4.5*
Moscow Mountain	4400	2/25	9	2.2	18.7	15.3
West Twin	4250	2/25	0	0.0	12.2	9.4

(b) 1958-72, 15 year period. #Not located directly on this drainage. * Estimated 1958-72, 15 year Average. (A) Aerial observation. Water content estimated. (SP) Pressure Pillow snow-water equivalent. (R) Radioactive Gage snow-water equivalent.

SNOW

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average ^b

CLEARWATER RIVER

Breezy Saddle	5000	3/5	35	7.7	--	--
Cayuse Airstrip	3700	3/5	18	4.7	13.0	11.7
Cottonwood Butte	5140	2/25	10	2.0	14.7	--
Crater Meadows	6100	3/5	65	16.3	39.2	40.9*
Crooked Fork	3600	2/28	24	4.9	15.5	12.9*
Elk Butte	5550	3/5	49	11.8	34.7	35.0*
Fish Lake Airstrip	5000	3/5	57	12.4	38.8	37.3
Forty-nine Meadows	4880	3/5	33	6.6	24.8	28.4*
Goat Lake	6600	3/5	64	14.5	42.0	43.8*
#Granite Peak	6000	3/5	46	10.2	36.0	37.7*
Hemlock Butte	5500	3/5	62	15.9	46.2	42.8*
#Hoodoo Basin	Mont.	3/1	58	14.8	48.6	46.1
#Hoodoo Basin (SP)	Mont.	3/1	--	14.0	47.2	--
#Hoodoo Creek	Mont.	3/1	51	12.2	45.5	43.2
Lolo Pass	5240	2/28	40	8.3	32.9	28.5
Lost Lake	6000	3/5	60	15.1	49.0	51.3*
Lower Snowhaven	5300	2/25	14	3.1	22.1	--
#Medicine Ridge	5920	3/5	54	11.8	39.8	38.5*
#Nez Perce Pass	Mont.	3/7	26	7.0	20.3	14.3
Pierce Ranger Station	3170	2/28	16	4.6	13.4	10.3
Savage Pass	6170	2/28	37	8.0	30.9	24.3
Shanghai Summit	4600	3/5	34	8.3	24.8	24.5*
Upper Snowhaven	5600	2/25	11	2.8	20.3	--

SALMON RIVER

Big Creek Summit	6600	2/25	25	4.6	34.0	31.4
Borah (A)	8250	2/28	0	0.0	6.1	--
#Boulder Creek	5500	3/1	21	3.7	21.6	21.8*
Brundage Mountain	7560	2/25	32	5.9	43.2	42.2*
#Deadwood Summit	7000	3/2	28	5.5	41.6	40.4*
Doublespring Pass (A)	8400	2/28	3	0.3	8.1	--
#Galena Summit	8795	2/28	15	2.8	18.9	20.6
#Gibbons Pass	Mont.	2/23	24	5.2	24.1	20.5
Leatherman Pass (A)	9800	2/28	16	2.6	20.1	--
#Lemhi Pass	Mont.	2/25	12	2.5	11.2	7.9
#Lemhi Ridge	Mont.	2/25	15	2.9	13.6	8.9
Mill Creek Summit	8870	2/28	16	2.6	23.2	20.3*
Moose Creek	6200	3/1	24	4.6	18.6	15.2
Morgan Creek	7580	2/28	12	2.0	14.9	12.6*
Redfish Lake Flat	6570	3/1	11	1.6	12.9	8.7*
#Rock Flat Summit	5200	2/25	18	3.4	17.2	16.2
#Secesh Summit	6520	2/26	27	5.6	32.3	--
#Squaw Meadow	5800	2/26	28	5.7	32.3	31.1*
Twin Peaks (A)	10300	2/28	23	3.7	26.2	--
Vienna Mine	8960	3/2	31	5.3	27.8	32.2
Williams Creek Summit	7800	2/28	14	2.5	14.8	11.0

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Lemhi River

Above Gilmore	8200	2/28	7	1.0	9.5	8.6*
Aspen-Hall Pass (A)	8110	2/28	12	2.4	12.8	7.7*
Copes Camp	7500	2/28	9	1.3	8.6	6.6*
Hall Creek	7560	2/28	3	0.3	6.0	4.8*
Meadow Lake	9100	2/28	13	2.6	17.2	17.1*
Schwartz Lake (A)	8500	2/28	8	1.6	15.6	11.0*

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - NORTHSIDELITTLE LOST RIVER

Fairview Guard Station	6750	2/24	0	0.0	4.0	4.5
Lost Garfield	6600	2/24	0	0.0	4.0	3.8
Moonshine	7450	2/24	8	1.1	8.6	9.8
Sawmill Canyon	6900	2/24	6	1.1	5.8	7.4
Wet Creek Summit	7600	2/24	7	0.9	7.0	10.9

BIG LOST RIVER

Bear Canyon	7920	3/2	10	1.6	8.8	16.3
Copper Basin	7650	3/2	0	0.0	5.2	8.6
Fishpole Lake	9350	3/2	15	3.1	11.0	--
Iron Bog	7650	2/23	9	1.2	9.2	13.8*
Leadbelt	6800	2/23	8	1.4	5.2	9.0*
#Leatherman Pass (A)	9800	2/28	16	2.6	20.1	--
Lost-Wood Divide	7900	3/2	15	2.6	16.3	20.5
Stickney Mill	7500	3/2	8	0.9	6.3	8.4
White Knob	7700	2/25	6	0.9	5.9	8.4*

FISH CREEK

Iron Mine Creek	6370	2/25	12	2.3	9.2	9.7
Telfer Ranch	6000	2/25	6	1.3	7.0	7.7

LITTLE WOOD RIVER

#Bear Canyon	7920	3/2	10	1.6	8.8	16.3
Garfield Ranger Station	6554	3/2	6	1.0	7.4	10.0
Muldoon	6300	3/1	6	0.9	5.9	7.8
Swede Peak	7650	3/1	14	2.3	11.3	15.4

BIG WOOD RIVER

Camas Creeks Divide	5720	2/26	6	1.5	--	--
#Couch Summit	6950	2/25	12	2.1	16.0	16.9*
Dollarhide Summit	8620	3/2	15	2.6	17.8	20.7
Galena	7300	2/28	8	1.4	14.7	17.2
Galena Summit	8795	2/28	15	2.8	18.9	20.6
Graham Ranch	6200	2/28	7	1.2	9.6	12.4
#Lost-Wood Divide	7900	3/2	15	2.6	16.3	20.5
Mascot Mine	7900	3/2	10	1.5	9.5	12.1
Mount Baldy	9000	2/28	12	2.3	15.2	18.0
Soldier Ranger Station	6100	2/25	3	0.8	10.7	11.2
#Vienna Mine	8960	3/2	31	5.3	27.8	32.2

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CANYON CREEK

Bennett Mountain	6650	2/26	16	4.4	--	15.5*
#Camas Creeks Divide	5720	2/26	6	1.5	--	--
Little Camas Flat	4950	2/26	2	0.4	8.9	--

BOISE RIVER

Atlanta Summit	7500	3/4	22	4.3	--	30.2
Bad Bear	5500	2/28	9	1.9	17.0	13.1*
#Bennett Mountain	6650	2/26	16	4.4	--	15.5*
#Bogus Basin	6120	2/28	23	4.8	21.7	20.7
Bogus Basin Road	5360	2/28	6	1.3	8.2	5.4
#Camas Creeks Divide	5720	2/26	6	1.5	--	--
Couch Summit	6950	2/25	12	2.1	16.0	16.9*
Deadman Gulch	5600	2/27	21	4.0	17.0	14.0*
#Dollarhide Summit	8620	3/2	15	2.6	17.8	20.7
Graham Guard Station	5690	3/2	9	2.6	16.8	--
Jackson Peak	7000	3/2	24	5.0	28.2	27.2*
#Little Camas Flat	4950	2/26	2	0.4	8.9	--
Moore's Creek Summit	6100	2/28	26	4.0	35.8	28.5
Prairie	4900	2/28	4	0.8	9.5	5.3
Road Creek	5550	3/4	8	1.6	--	9.2
#Soldier Ranger Station	6100	2/25	3	0.8	10.7	11.2
Trinity Mountain	7780	3/4	21	4.5	33.5	37.8
#Vienna Mine	8960	3/2	31	5.3	27.8	32.2

PAYETTE RIVER

#Big Creek Summit	6600	2/25	25	4.6	34.0	31.4
Bogus Basin	6120	2/28	23	4.8	21.7	20.7
#Brundage Mountain	7560	2/25	32	5.9	43.2	42.2*
Cozy Cove	5400	3/2	18	3.5	--	15.1
Crawford Ranger Station	4800	2/27	9	1.6	7.4	7.7
#Deadman Gulch	5600	2/27	21	4.0	17.0	14.0*
Deadwood Airstrip	5440	3/2	20	3.8	14.1	14.5
Deadwood Summit	7000	3/2	28	5.5	41.6	40.4*
High Valley Summit	5170	3/3	23	3.1	14.8	10.3*
#Jackson Peak	7000	3/2	24	5.0	28.2	27.2*
Lake Fork	6000	2/26	20	3.6	17.2	14.1*
Rock Flat Summit	5200	2/25	18	3.4	17.2	16.2
Secesh Summit	6520	2/26	27	5.6	32.3	--
Squaw Meadow	5800	2/26	28	5.7	32.3	31.1*
Tripod Summit	5200	3/3	25	3.6	21.4	15.8*

WEISER RIVER

Boulder Creek	5500	3/1	21	3.7	21.6	21.8*
Placer Creek	6000	2/25	14	3.0	14.8	15.9*

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MANN CREEK

Mann Creek	6080	2/27	20	4.2	17.5	--
Robinson Creek Ridge	6220	2/27	14	3.3	12.6	--
Sturgill Ridge	6800	2/27	18	5.2	19.8	--
Thorson Cabin	5320	2/27	13	2.8	12.9	--

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - SOUTHSIDERAFT RIVER

Boy Scout Camp		7760	2/25	19	2.7	11.0	13.2*
Clear Creek Meadows	Utah	9050	2/25	27	3.9	14.4	18.2*
George Peak	Utah	9000	2/25	20	3.5	18.8	--
Howell Canyon		8000	2/28	19	3.6	23.1	22.2
One Mile Summit	Utah	7330	2/25	6	0.9	4.0	6.8*
Sheep Hollow		6200	2/25	16	2.5	5.9	5.6*
Sublett		6000	2/25	21	2.6	10.3	9.9
Summit Springs		6400	2/25	19	2.6	11.0	9.7*

GOOSE-TRAPPER CREEKS

Badger Gulch		6660	2/25	13	2.1	10.9	10.1
Bostetter Ranger Station		7500	2/25	22	2.9	17.2	17.5
Vi Pont		7670	2/25	20	4.0	15.5	12.7*

SALMON FALLS CREEK

#Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	3/5	38	8.6	18.8	17.3
Cedar Creek		7000	3/5	12	2.5	8.5	8.8
Deadline		6900	2/25	16	3.0	19.4	19.9
#Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	3/5	21	4.8	10.4	9.3
Goat Creek	Nev.	8800	3/5	28	6.0	14.7	16.0
#Hummingbird Springs	Nev.	8945	3/5	33	7.0	19.4	19.5
Magic Mountain		6700	2/25	17	3.3	16.0	16.2
#Pole Creek R. S.	Nev.	8330	3/5	35	7.9	18.8	16.8
Shoshone Basin		5740	2/25	5	0.6	7.8	4.2
Wilson Creek		7500	3/5	16	3.7	8.8	11.4*

BRUNEAU RIVER

Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	3/5	38	8.6	18.8	17.3
Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	3/5	21	4.8	10.4	9.3
Hummingbird Springs	Nev.	8945	3/5	33	7.0	19.4	19.5
Pole Creek R. S.	Nev.	8330	3/5	35	7.9	18.8	16.8
#Seventy-six Creek	Nev.	7100	3/5	18	4.3	12.2	10.0*

OWYHEE RIVER

Antelope Ridge		5900	2/26	2	0.2	5.6	6.1*
Battle Creek (A)		5700	3/4	1	0.1	3.4	2.9
#Bear Creek	Nev.	7800	3/5	38	8.6	18.8	17.3
Bull Basin (A)		5600	3/4	2	0.2	1.7	1.1*
#Fox Creek	Nev.	6800	3/5	21	4.8	10.4	9.3
Hyde Pasture (A)		5800	3/4	4	0.4	3.4	4.9
Mud Flat		5500	2/26	2	0.4	--	5.4
Red Canyon (A)		6650	3/4	12	2.4	5.6	5.9*

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#Seventy-Six Creek	Nev. 7100		3/5	18	4.3	12.2	10.0*
Silver City	6400		2/28	16	3.5	13.2	13.8
South Mountain	6340		3/1	12	2.6	10.8	11.3
Succor Creek (A)	6100		3/4	12	2.4	5.9	5.4*
Trangle (A)	5150		3/4	1	0.1	0.3	0.6
Vaught Ranch (A)	5950		3/4	1	0.1	3.6	3.3*
War Eagle (A)	7700		3/4	36	5.4	19.3	22.1*

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASINCAMAS-BEAVER CREEKS

Camp Creek	6800	2/28	10	1.5	6.9	9.0
Kilgore	6200	2/28	15	3.0	9.1	10.1

HENRYS FORK RIVER

Big Springs	6400	2/28	31	6.0	21.5	18.6
Black Canyon	7850	2/25	33	8.0	36.0	29.4*
Black Moose	8125	2/25	33	9.2	39.4	36.2*
Grassy Lake	7265	2/28	50	12.4	40.4	30.1
Island Park	6315	2/28	27	5.2	18.4	14.7
Latham Springs	7630	2/25	34	8.2	35.0	27.9*
Lucky Dog	6900	2/25	23	4.6	23.6	21.6*
Sawtell Mountain	8720	2/28	37	7.7	29.0	30.4*
Targhee Pass	7000	2/28	24	4.5	16.0	13.5*
Valley View	6500	2/28	21	4.9	17.6	15.4
White Elephant	7700	2/28	30	6.0	22.9	--

TETON RIVER

Darby Canyon	Wyo.	8250	2/28	35	5.8	26.2	--
Freds Mountain	Wyo.	8150	2/28	39	6.8	28.7	--
Garns Mountain		8300	2/28	39	8.8	44.8	--
Indian Meadows	Wyo.	8240	2/28	45	9.9	41.7	--
Jackpine Creek	Wyo.	7350	2/28	29	6.0	27.0	--
McRenolds Reservoir		6800	2/28	29	6.0	23.3	--
Miles Creek	Wyo.	7300	2/28	23	4.8	15.3	--
Phillips Bench	Wyo.	8200	2/25	39	9.5	28.6	--
Pine Creek Pass		6750	2/28	24	4.4	21.7	15.4*
State Line		6650	2/28	19	2.6	18.1	12.8
Teton Pass W.S.	Wyo.	8400	2/25	31	6.9	27.8	--

WILLOW CREEK

Aspen Grove		6600	2/23	16	3.0	13.5	10.3*
Birch Creek		6800	2/23	10	2.1	11.7	14.3*
Blue Ridge		6800	2/23	12	2.8	17.2	--
Bone		6200	2/23	6	1.2	8.1	7.5*
Brockman Station		6430	2/23	9	1.9	11.0	--
Hell Creek		7100	2/23	15	3.0	15.5	--
Mud Creek		7150	2/23	10	2.2	12.7	--
Sheep Mountain		6510	2/23	17	2.8	14.9	12.6*
Tex Creek		6700	2/23	12	2.0	12.1	8.5*

SAND CREEK

Henry Creek		5650	2/23	0	0.0	5.1	2.4*
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BLACKFOOT RIVER

Austin Bros. Ranch	6400	2/25	4	0.5	9.3	7.9
Slug Creek Divide	7225	2/28	25	5.0	16.0	14.7*
Somsen Ranch	7000	2/25	22	3.8	15.0	12.0
Ten Mile Pass	6250	2/25	14	2.8	8.7	--

PORTNEUF RIVER

Dempsey Creek	6280	2/28	20	3.8	13.8	10.6
Lower Pebble	5800	2/28	16	4.2	16.2	12.1*
Mink Creek	6300	3/3	28	4.9	17.4	15.0
Pebble Creek	6550	2/28	13	2.8	15.4	14.5

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GREAT BASINBEAR RIVER

Emigrant Summit	7350	2/28	23	4.3	21.3	21.8*
Emigration Canyon	6500	2/28	14	2.7	11.4	9.7*

Montpelier Creek

Giveout	6840	2/28	19	3.1	12.2	11.0*
Little Beaver	6970	2/28	20	3.2	14.7	14.0*
Lower Home Canyon	7500	3/1	20	3.6	--	--
Montpelier Creek	6570	2/28	9	1.2	8.1	7.5*
Upper Home Canyon	8500	3/1	30	6.4	--	--
Whiskey Flat	6985	2/28	10	2.0	8.0	8.9*

Mink Creek

Christensen Ranch	5600	2/28	18	3.4	11.9	7.7
Dry Basin	7900	2/28	33	6.7	25.1	25.3*
#Emigrant Summit	7350	2/28	23	4.3	21.3	21.8*
Horseshoe Basin	8000	2/28	31	6.9	21.8	23.2*
Liberty Spring	8600	2/28	40	7.0	33.0	33.8*
Strawberry Creek	5800	2/28	10	2.1	11.6	9.6
Strawberry Mink Divide	6800	2/28	23	3.9	19.8	18.6

Cub River

Cub River R. S.	5400	2/28	18	4.5	12.3	8.0
#Franklin Basin	8000	2/28	35	7.0	20.5	--
Willow Flat	6100	2/28	19	4.8	17.2	13.7
Worm Creek	6660	2/28	21	3.9	17.3	--

MALAD RIVER

Cliff Canyon	7200	2/28	7	1.2	8.0	--
Daniels Creek	6400	2/28	6	0.8	7.7	--
Dry Creek Flat	6480	2/28	7	1.1	10.4	6.6
Lower Elkhorn	7000	2/28	10	1.8	12.9	12.4*
Oxford Mountain	6800	2/28	13	1.0	11.5	9.4
Upper Elkhorn	7100	2/28	19	3.4	17.7	16.0*

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State of Idaho Department of Fish and Game
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Montana Agricultural Experiment Station
Montana State Water Conservation Board
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Nevada Cooperative Snow Surveys
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Oregon Cooperative Snow Surveys
Oregon State Engineer and Corps of
State Watermasters
Utah Cooperative Snow Surveys
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Federal:

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Agricultural Research Service
Statistical Reporting Service

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NOAA, National Weather Service

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bonneville Power Administration
Bureau of Reclamation
Fish and Wildlife Service
Water Resources Division, Geological Survey
National Park Service
Bureau of Land Management

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Mann Creek Irrigation District
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